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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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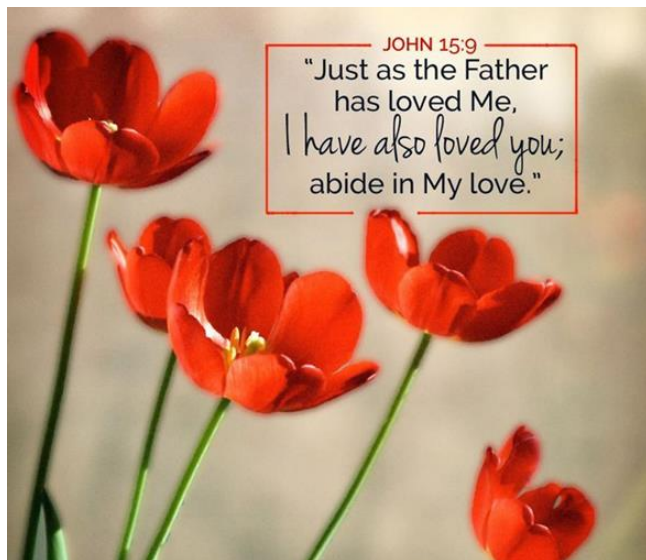
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Ms. Rebecca Elfman – Organist / Director of Music

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Masses: 8:00 am–Traditional Holy Mass

9:30 am–Contemporary Holy Mass

11:15 am–Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

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Today

10:45 am – SOCL Classes

ANS Meeting, see announcement

Wednesday, May 8th

7:30 pm - Marian Devotions with Litany, Supplication and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Ascension Day, Thursday, May 9th

8:30 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel

12 noon – Holy Mass, Cathedral

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Saturday, May 11th

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

Next Sunday, May 12th – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

ANS Monthly Meeting – The ANS will hold its Monthly Meeting & Election of Officers **TODAY** immediately after 9:30 Mass in the Board Room (beverages permitted).

ANS President,

Kathy Michalina

Special Parish Meeting – A Special Parish meeting is called for May 19 following the 9:30 a.m. mass. The Parish Committee pursued placing a digital sign on the corner of E. Elm Street to promote awareness of our parish and its activities. We received a Diocesan grant which will cover half the cost but need approval to draw up to \$35K from parish funds to move forward at this time.

Let's 'Start the Party'! – Jesus gives us the most important reason to party! 'Start The Party' Vacation Bible School 2024 will be from 6pm until 8pm on July 29th, 30th, 31st, August 1st, and August 2nd! Join us in the Youth Center to learn about friendship, belonging, forgiveness, abundant life, and purpose while completing projects, engaging in fun physical activities, listening to stories, and jamming out to music. Light refreshments will be provided for children. Interested in joining us? Fill out the registration form located in the Parish Hall! We look forward to celebrating Jesus and all his wonderful works together at 'Start the Party'!

Lectors:

5/5 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

9:30 – Maria Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

5/12 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Judy Snyder

11:15 – David Rychleski

Marian Devotions – May is a special month for Polish National Catholics, as it is traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Mary, the mother of Jesus, whose importance is especially highlighted during this time of the year. Devotion to Mary is not just a cultural practice or a sentimental attachment, but a deeply rooted aspect of Catholic and Orthodox theology and spirituality.

One of the most fundamental reasons why Mary is important to us is her role as the mother of Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God. As the mother of God, the *Theotokos* in Orthodox parlance, Mary has a unique relationship with Jesus. Mary's role as the mother of Jesus is also significant because it demonstrates God's love and care for humanity. By choosing to become human and to be born of a woman, God showed that he values human life and desires to be intimately involved in our world. Mary, as the mother of Jesus, is thus seen as a symbol of God's love and a reminder of the importance of human relationships and connections.

Mary is a model of faith and an example of perfect discipleship. By participating in Marian devotions, we are able to connect with Mary's love and faith in God and seek her intercession in their lives. Through devotion to Mary, the *Theotokos*, we can deepen our faith, grow in holiness, and draw closer to God. Therefore, these devotions are an important part of our Catholic faith.

Devotion to Mary is an essential part of our faith. These practices are not just cultural traditions but are rooted in Catholic and Orthodox teaching theology and spirituality, and are a means of expressing love and devotion to Mary. May we always strive to honor Mary and emulate her faith and love for God, as we journey together towards greater holiness and closer union with our Lord.

Flea Market – Our Giant Flea Market this year will be on **July 19 and 20**. When you're Spring cleaning, if you find any unwanted but still usable items, please consider donating them to the Flea Market. Also, if you know anyone who is moving or downsizing and has good usable items that they no longer want, we would be happy to accept them for the Flea Market. **We'll take just about anything** except mattresses and clothing.

Pick-up can be arranged by calling the Parish Office at (570) 961-9231 any time between now and July 13. Also, items can be dropped off at the Youth Center July 7 through 13.

The Bishop Stanley Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat – The excitement is truly building now as we are less than two months away from the **2024 Men's Spiritual Retreat June 12th - 15th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat Center, Waymart, PA.**

This year's retreat features keynote speaker Retired SSG. Earl Granville of the Army National Guard. He received various decorations such as the Combat Infantryman Badge,

Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. SSG Granville served nine years in the Army National Guard as an Infantryman, with deployments to Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. On his final tour, he lost his left leg through the knee to a roadside bomb while on patrol. SSG Granville discusses healthy ways to battle adversity and real life solutions from his own experiences. Anyone who cannot attend the retreat, but who wishes to hear SSG Granville speak, should send an E-mail to Unitedymsofr@gmail.com.

Information and registration for this year's retreat can be found on the website below: <https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofrmensretreat/home>

Altar Flowers – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Edward, Michael, & Rose Michalina offered by daughter & granddaughter Kathy Michalina.

Altar Flower Fund – What a gesture of affection it would be to make a donation for flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one! To follow through on exactly that, please contact Connie Tellep at 570-222- 4409. A donation of \$60 would cover the cost for a Sunday. Of course, a donation of any amount to the fund is always welcomed. Simply send a check made payable to ANS Flower Fund, to the Parish office or just drop the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your help in bringing beauty in glorifying God.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, May 6

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, May 8

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Ascension Day, May 9

8:30 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel

12 noon – Holy Mass, Cathedral

Friday, May 10

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Saturday, May 11

8:00 am – Holy Mass

SAVE THE DATE

May 12th - Mother's Day

May 24th, 25th & 26th – Annual YMS of R/PNCC Bowling Tournament in Parma, OH

May 27th – Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery

10:00 a.m.

May 30th – Solemnity of Corpus Christi

7:00 p.m. at Holy Mother of Sorrow's, Dupont, PA

June is Clergy Appreciation Month

May 24th, 25th & 26th – Annual YMS of R/PNCC Bowling Tournament in Parma, OH

June 1st – One Hot Meal

Noon till 1:00 p.m.

June 9th – First Holy Communion

June 12th – 15th Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat in Waymart

June 16th Father's Day